

Public Meeting

Sunport Boulevard

Extension

Bernalillo County, NM



Bernalillo County Project No. TS09-06
NMDOT Project No. CN A300160

September 18, 2013



Ground Rules

- **Participate fully**
- **Respect the Speaker and Listener**
- **Listen to learn**
- **It's OK to disagree**
- **Be tough on the issue / easy on the person**
- **Cell phones silent**



Meeting Agenda

- **6:00 Open House**
- **6:30 Welcome and Introductions**
 - Meeting Ground Rules / Review Agenda
 - Presentation of History and Current Status of the Sunport Boulevard Extension Project
 - How it all fits together in the future
- **7:15 Group Discussions / Q&A**
- **8:00 Adjourn**



Presenters

- **Rodrigo Eichwald, PE**
 - Project Engineer (Bernalillo County)
- **Peter Hinckley, PE**
 - Consultant Project Manager (URS Corp)
- **Enrico Gradi**
 - County Planner (Bernalillo County)

Facilitators

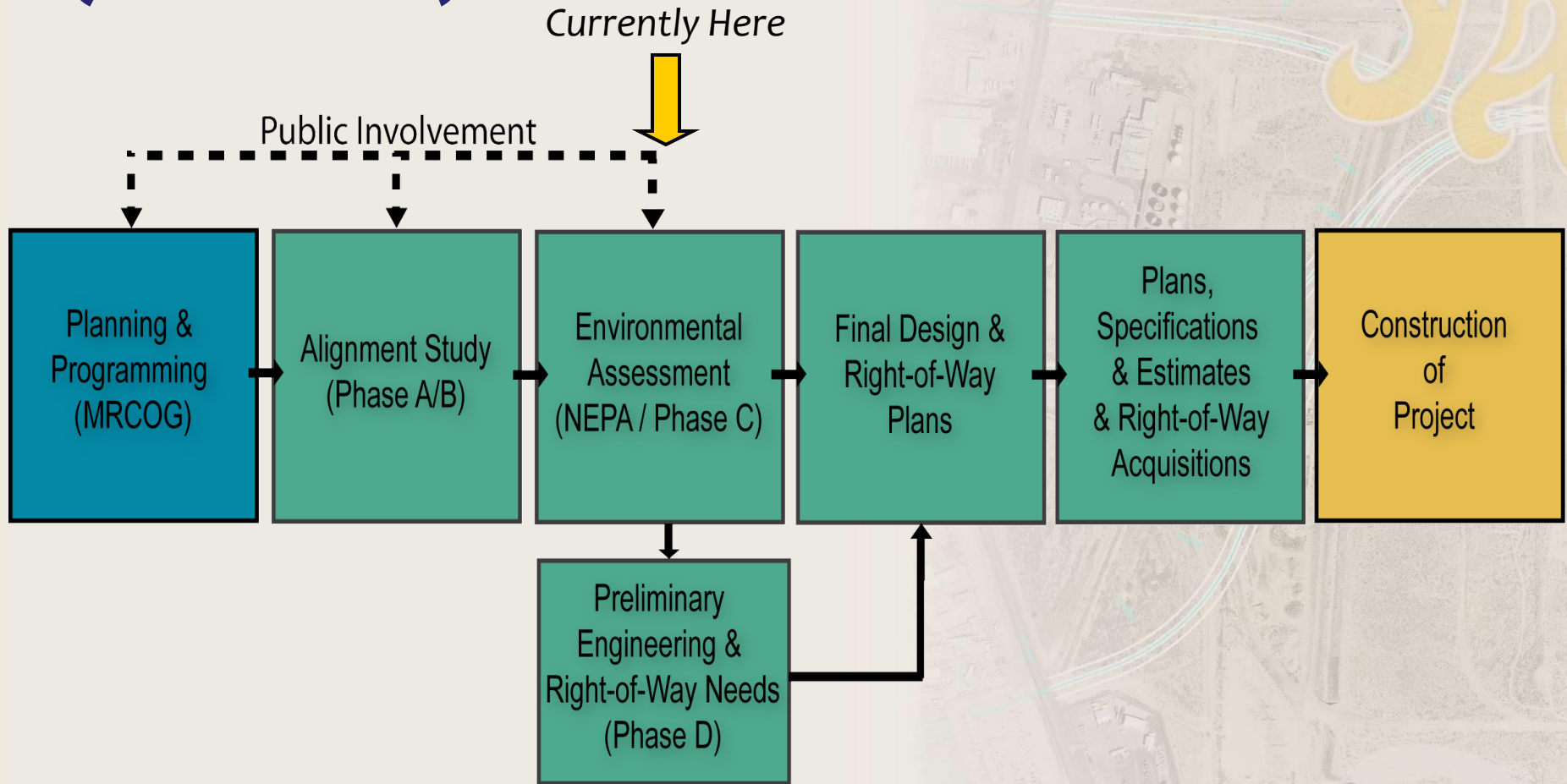
- **Toni Martorelli (Star Group LLC)**
- **Bill Moye (Star Group LLC)**

Presentation Agenda



- **Project Development Process and Public Involvement**
- **Traffic Counts and Forecasts**
- **Alternatives Development & Evaluation**
- **Preferred Alternative**
- **Woodward Road Concepts**
- **Air Quality Review**
- **Future Vision for the Area**
- **What's Next**

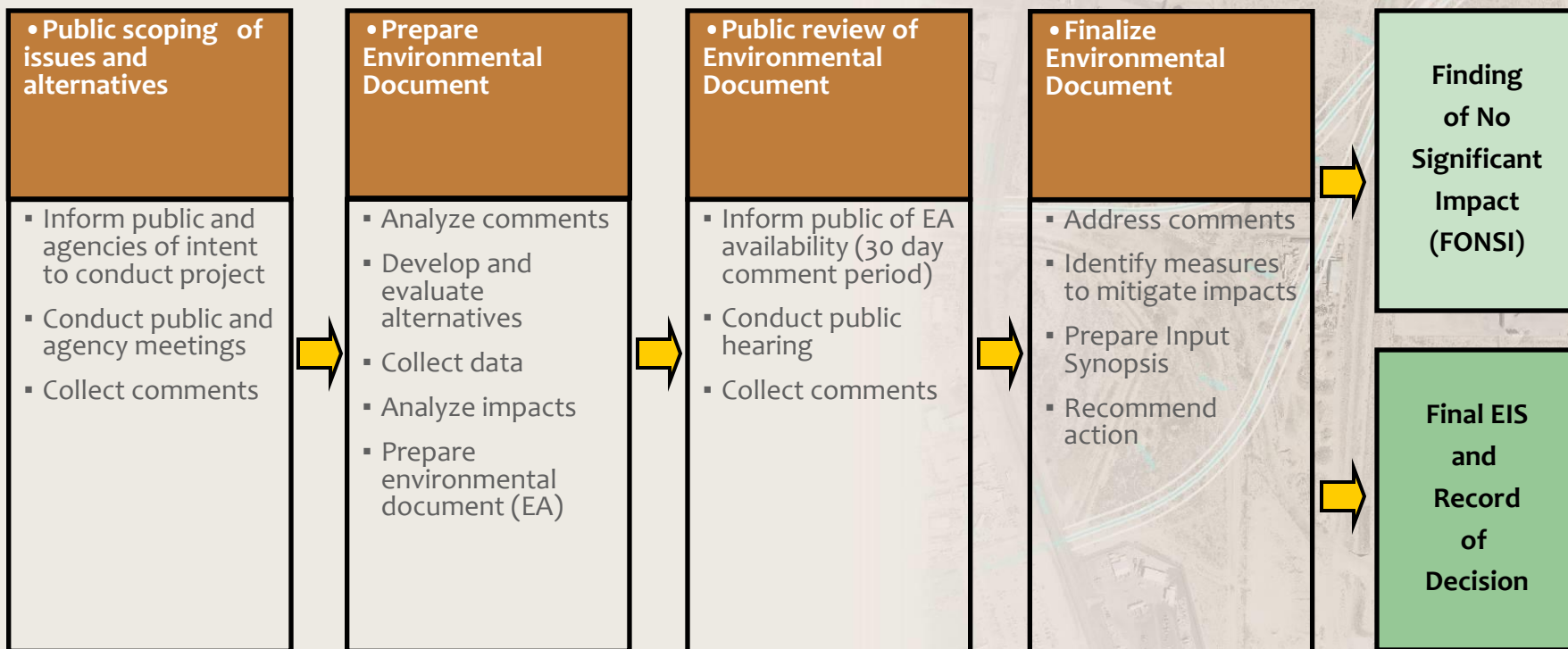
Project Development Process (NMDOT)





Environmental Process (NEPA)

Currently Here



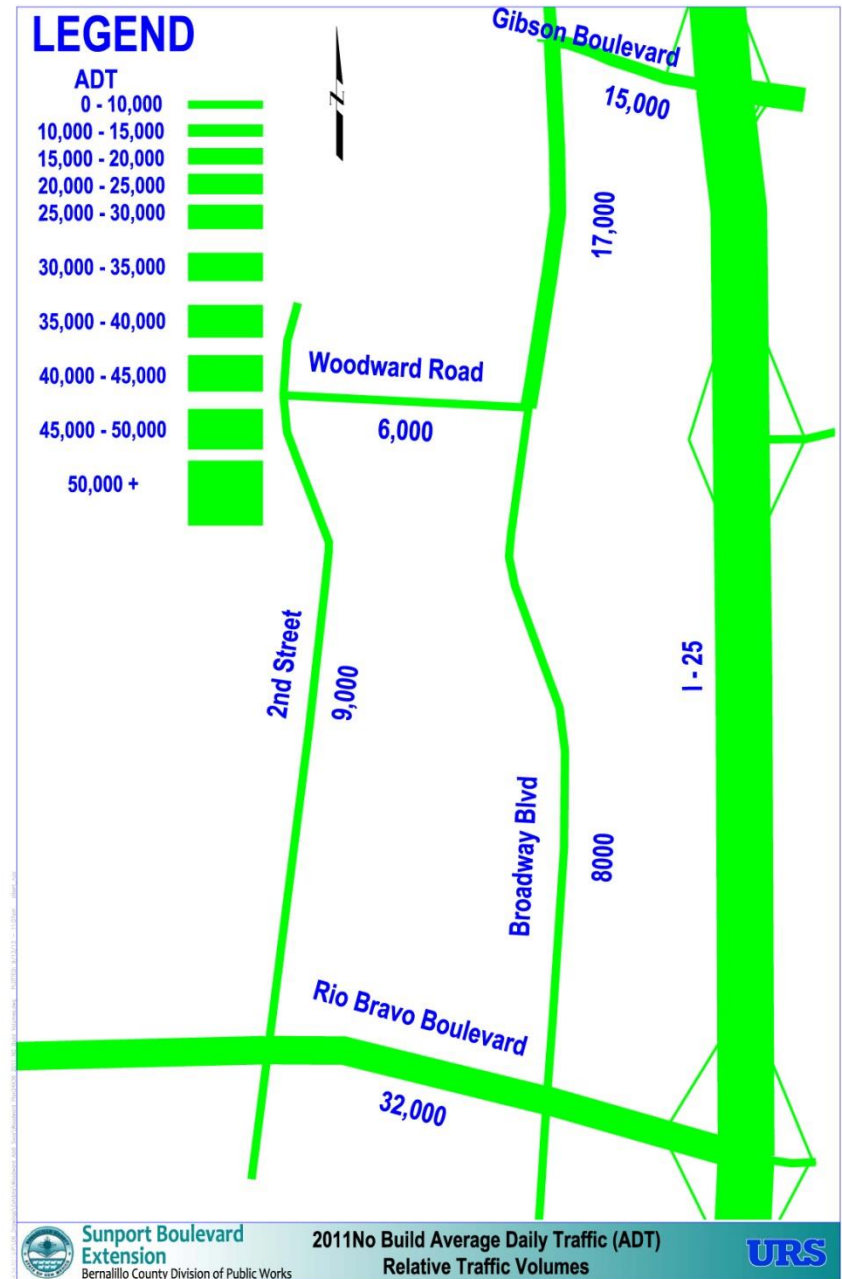


Public Involvement

- **June 2010—Public Meeting**
- **October 2011—Public Hearing**
- **January 2012—Neighborhood Assn. Meeting**
- **February 2012—Public Meeting**
- **Various dates—Small Group Meetings**
- **August 2013—Neighborhood Assn. Meeting**
- **September 2013—Public Meeting (tonight)**
- **Future Date (tbd)—Public Hearing**

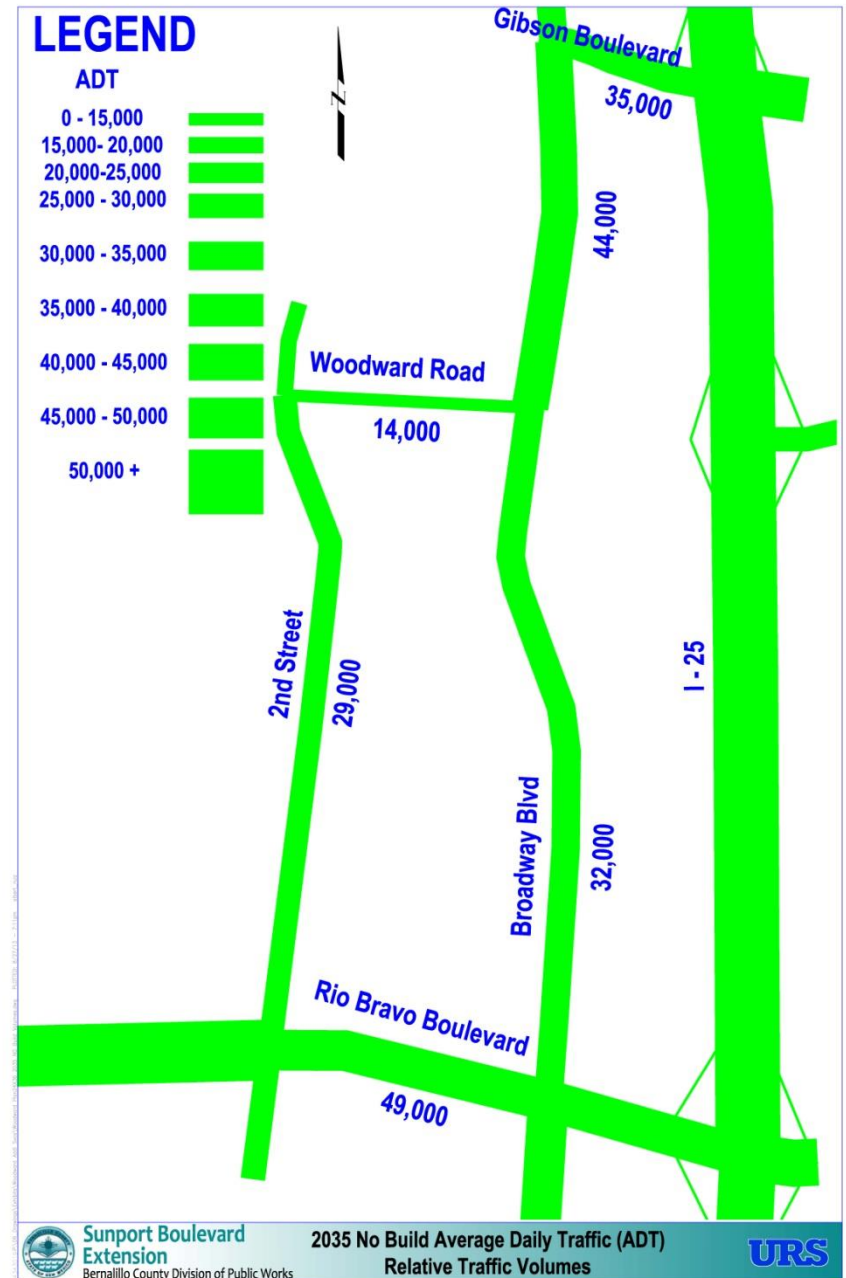
Traffic

- Current Average Weekday Daily Traffic Volumes



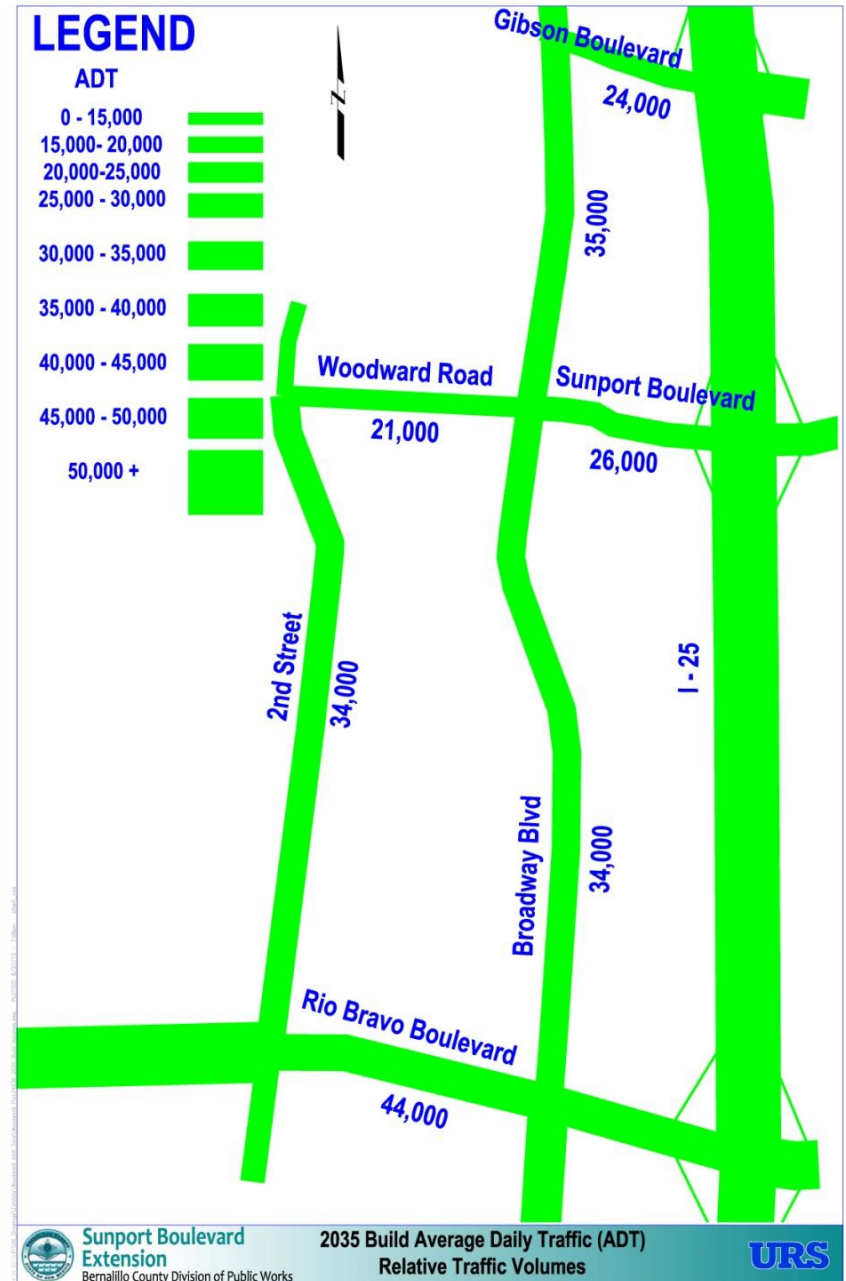
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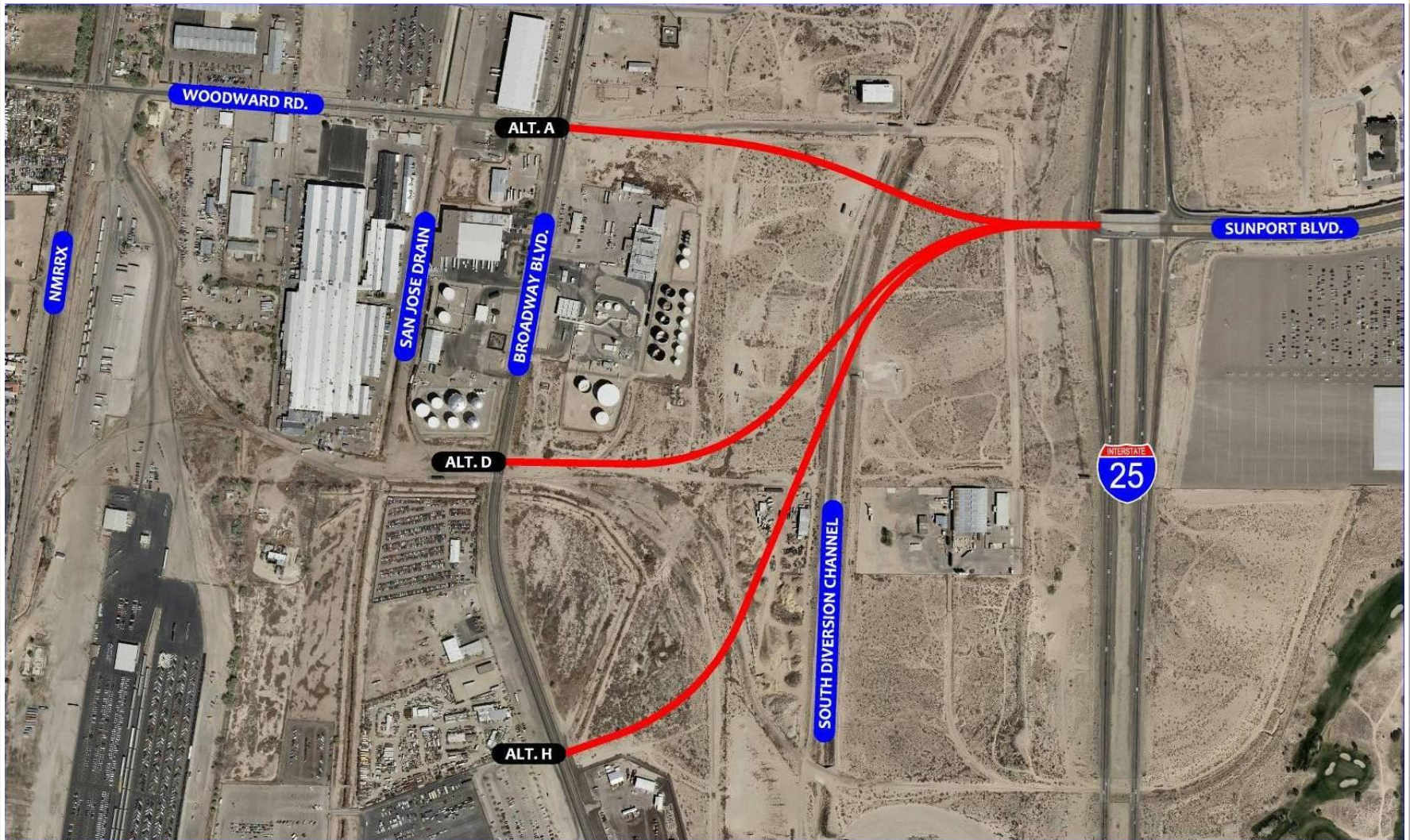


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Alternative Alignments



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Proposed Alternatives Overview

URS



Alternatives

Alternatives Considered:

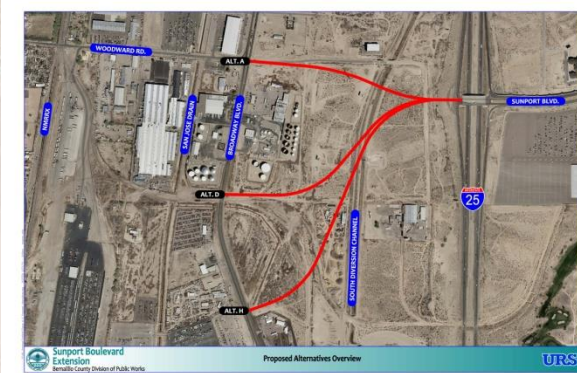
- No Build
 - No improvements or changes to current roads
 - Future traffic growth must be accommodated on existing roadways, particularly Broadway, Gibson and Rio Bravo
 - No added bike lanes or sidewalks
 - No improvements to street flooding problems



Alternatives

Alternative Alignments Considered (Historical):

- Alternative D
 - Connects to Broadway south at Stock Drive / creates new intersection and potential traffic conflicts on Broadway
 - Spans the South Diversion Channel at sharp 57° angle, requires very long 450' bridge
 - Crosses RR spur track, at grade crossing
 - At 7% grade, unacceptable vertical clearance over AMAFCA Service Road (9.3')
 - Undesirable location for local access
 - No connectivity to west

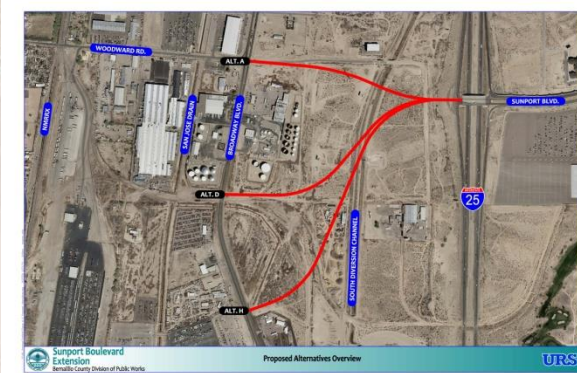




Alternatives

Alternative Alignments Considered (Historical):

- Alternative H
 - Connects to Broadway near NMDOT maintenance yard / creates new intersection on Broadway
 - Spans the South Diversion Channel at very sharp 19° angle requiring very long 795' bridge
 - Crosses two RR spur tracks. One spur track would require reconstruction to new grade, other spur track would require closure since cannot achieve acceptable grade for crossing
 - Relocation of one business required
 - No connectivity to west

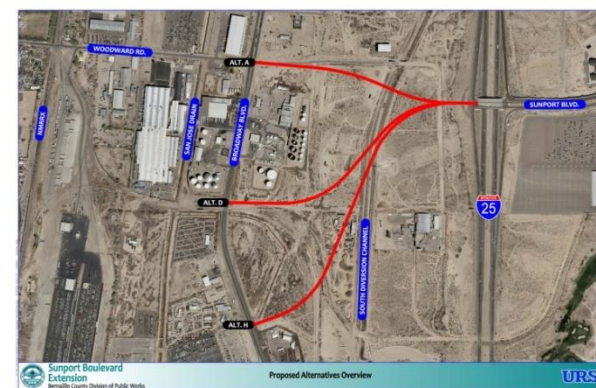




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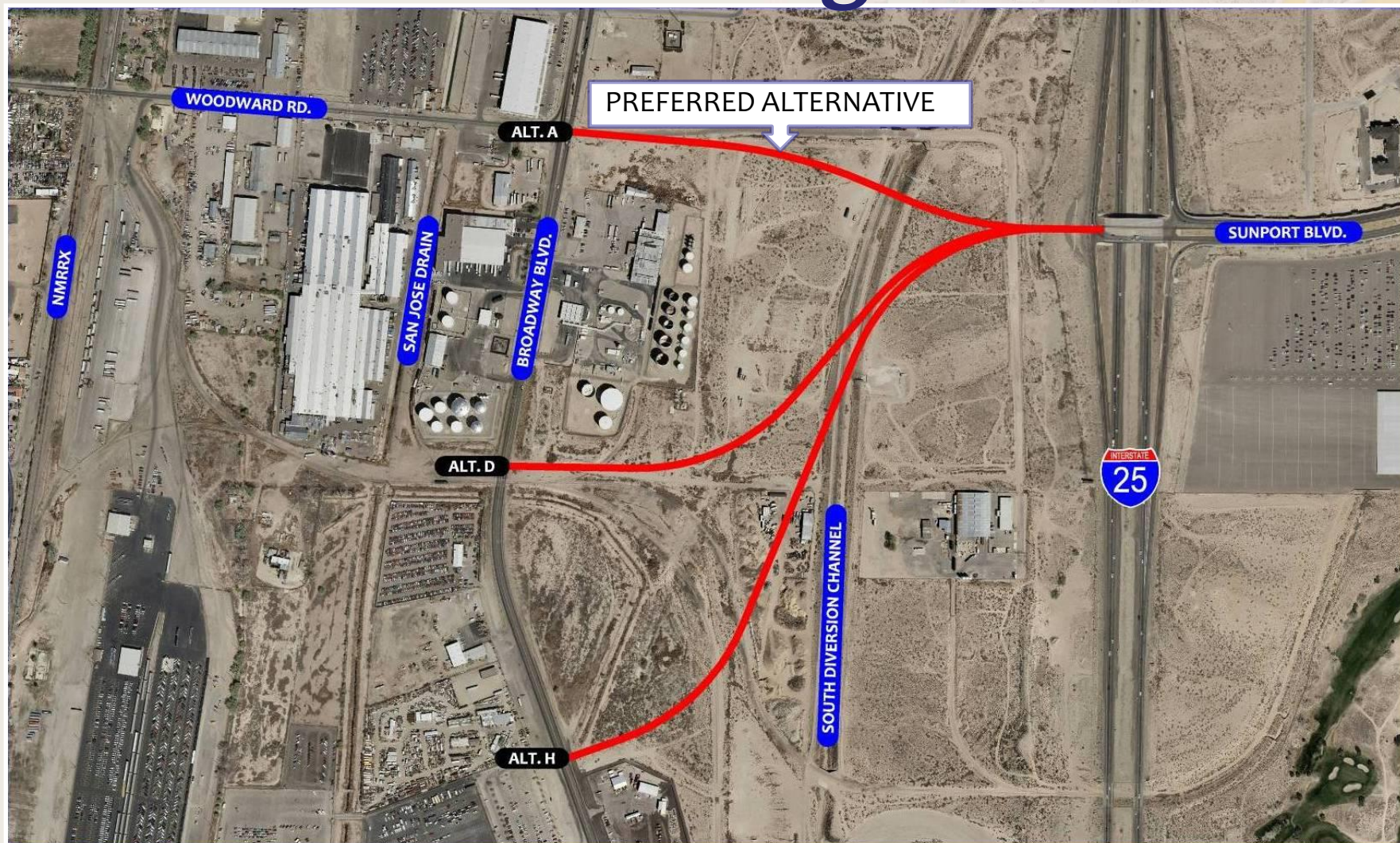
Alternative Alignments Considered:

- Alternative A
 - Connects to Broadway at existing signalized intersection of Woodward Road / no new intersection on Broadway
 - Spans the South Diversion Channel and Edmund Street at approximate 90° angles
 - No RR track crossings
 - No relocations of business
 - Raises intersection at Woodward / Broadway 0.7'
 - Provides connectivity to the west





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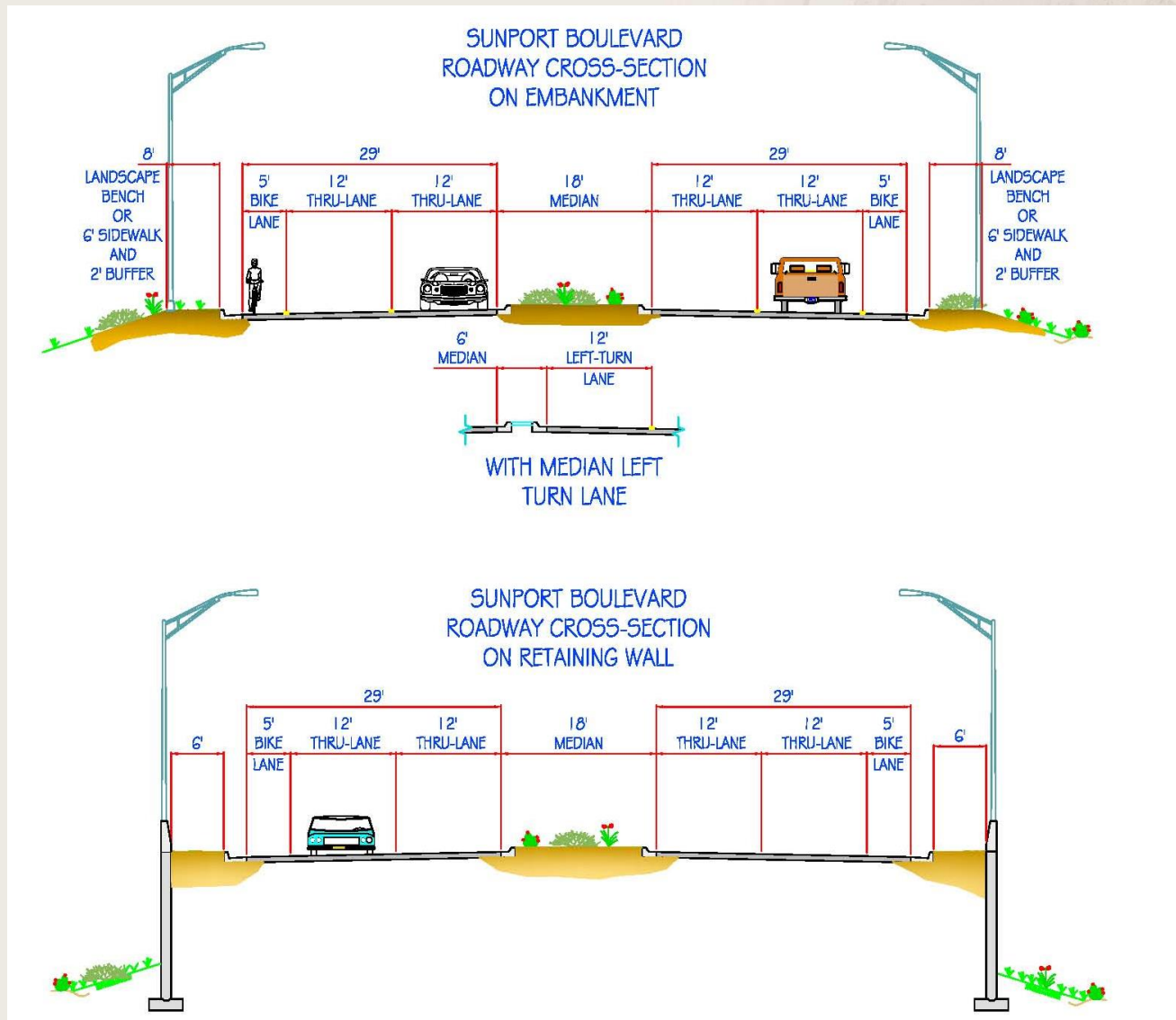


Preferred Alternative

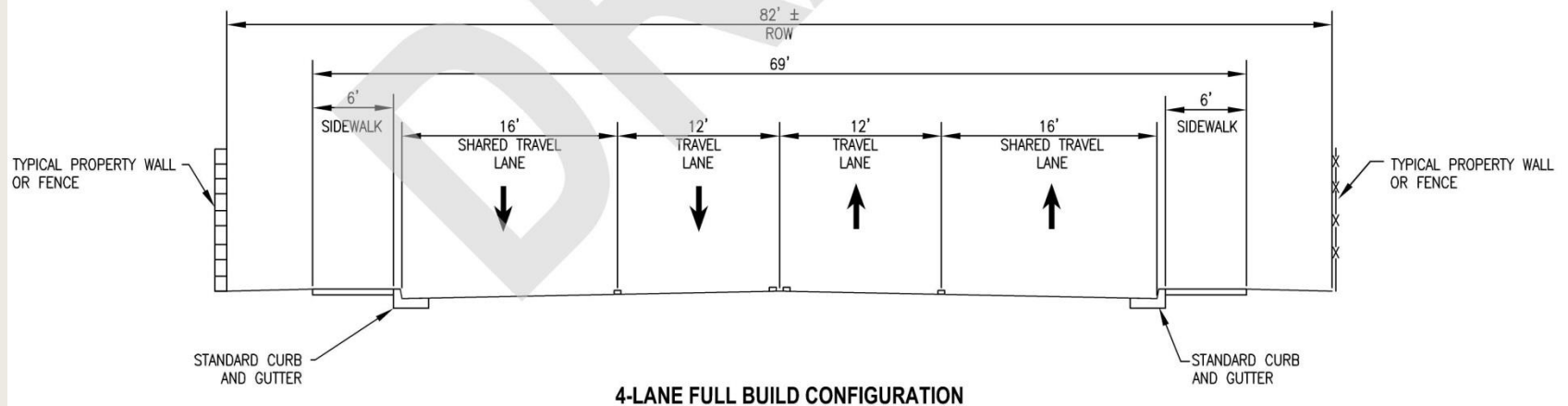
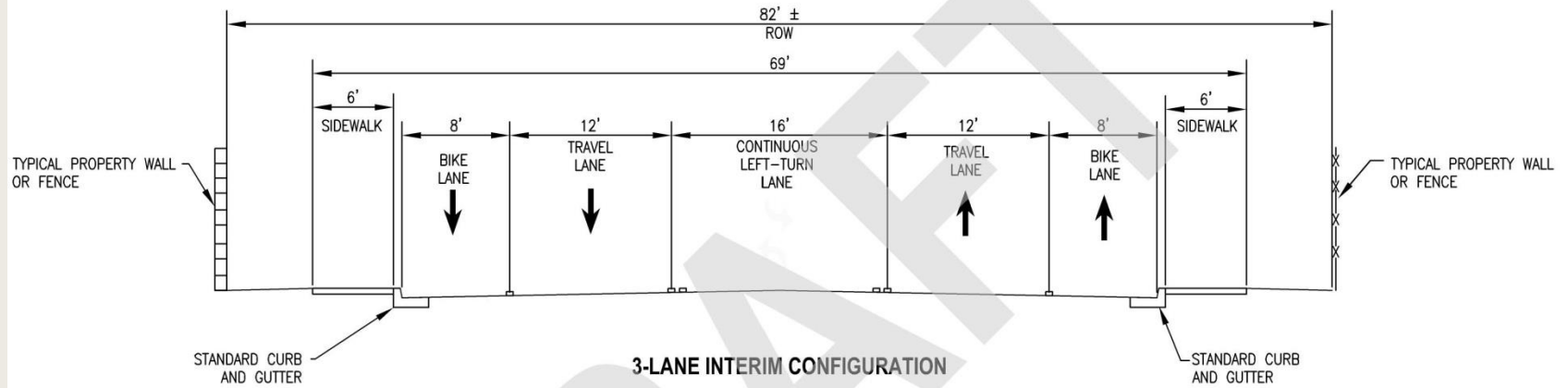
Alternative A selected as Preferred Alternative based on engineering feasibility, reduced complexity and public comment.

- **4-lane median divided urban arterial on 7% grade**
- **Bridges over the existing AMAFCA South Diversion Channel and over Edmunds Street**
- **5' Bike Lanes**
- **6' Sidewalk from Broadway to local access road**
- **Intersection improvements and traffic signals (Broadway and I-25 Ramps)**
- **Widening of I-25 southbound ramps**
- **Requires relocation of PNM transmission lines (common to all alternatives)**

Sunport Blvd. Cross-Sections



Woodward Road Concepts





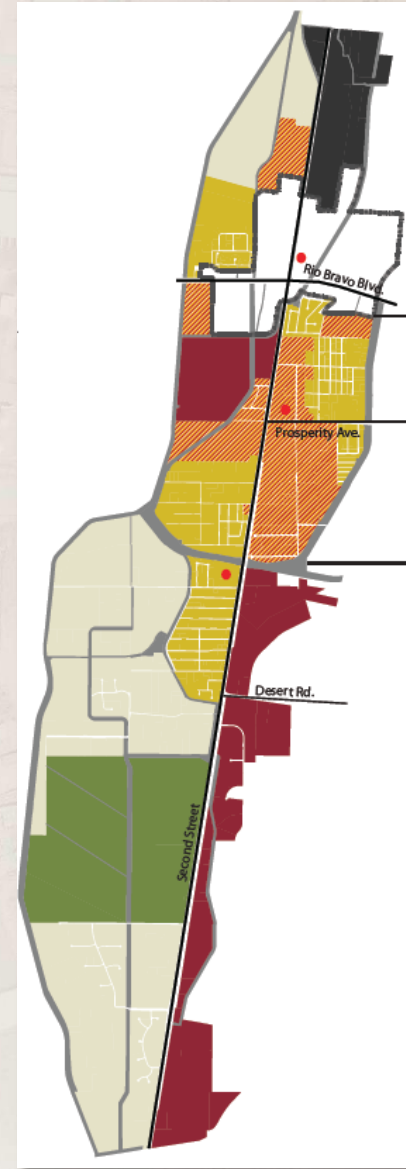
Air Quality (AQ) Review

- **AQ Modeling Revisited (see Environmental Station)**
- **Project Area is well within EPA Guidelines for Transportation related Air Quality (CO)**
- **Addition of Sunport Boulevard does not have significant impact on Area's AQ**
- **Project Area's AQ is most affected by Industrial Sites / Land Use**
- **Mitigation best addressed by local governments via zoning and design controls**

Future Vision for the Area



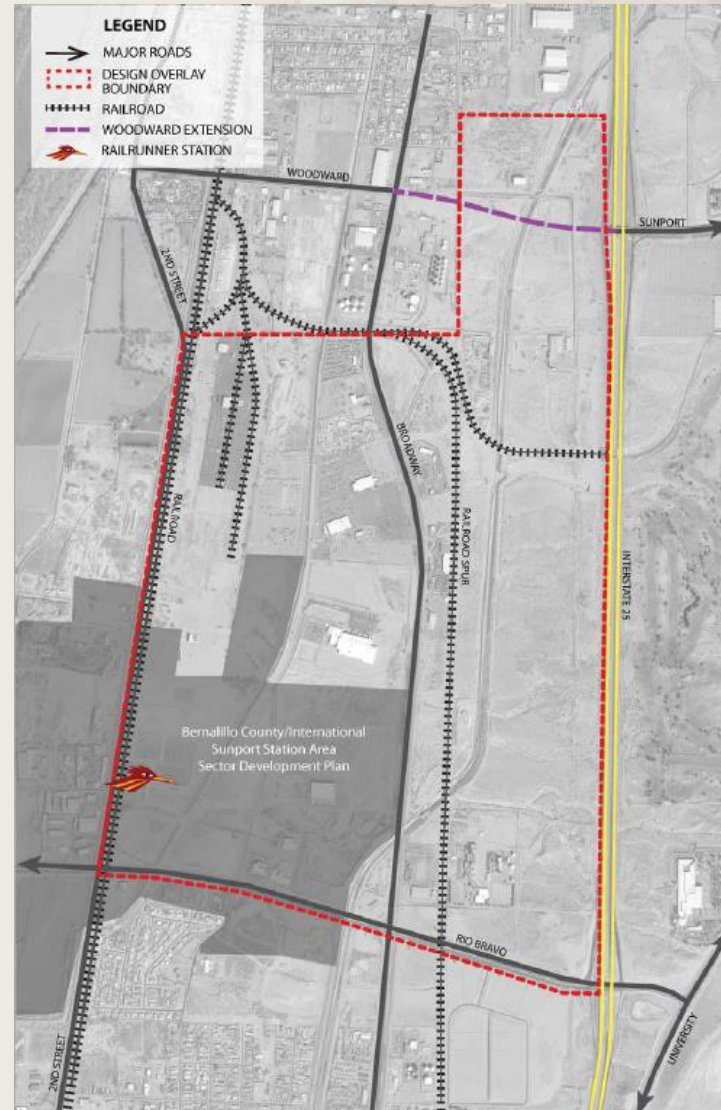
- Planning for the future
- Economic Development
- Jobs
- Quality of Life
- Renewed Image



Future Vision for the Area



- Land Use Plans
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Design Overlay Zone Document
- Guidelines for Design



Future Vision for the Area



US Foods



Valle del Oro

Future Vision for the Area



Rio Grande Credit Union



Admiral Beverage

Next Steps



- **Preparation of Revised EA Document**
- **Review, approval and signing by County, NMDOT & FHWA**
- **Notice of Availability / 30 Day Public Comment Period & Public Hearing**
- **Preparation of Agency & Public Input Synopsis**
- **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to include commitments and mitigation as needed**
- **Final design and right-of-way acquisition**
- **Construction**



Questions and Comments

- Verbal comments in one-on-one setting at workshop stations
- Write comments on comment form and submit to Project staff tonight
- Mail or fax comments to address on comment form
- Send e-mail to peter.hinckley@urs.com or to rleichwald@bernco.gov
- Please provide comments by September 30, 2013
- For more information, visit www.bernco.gov/sunport